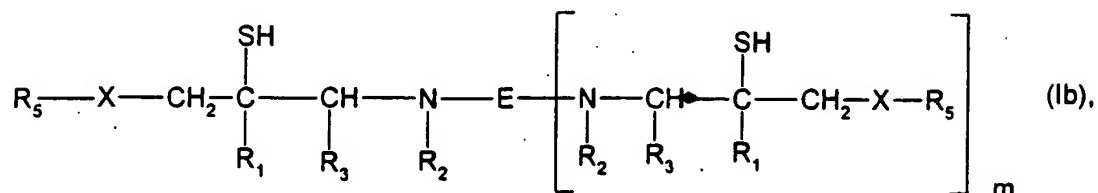
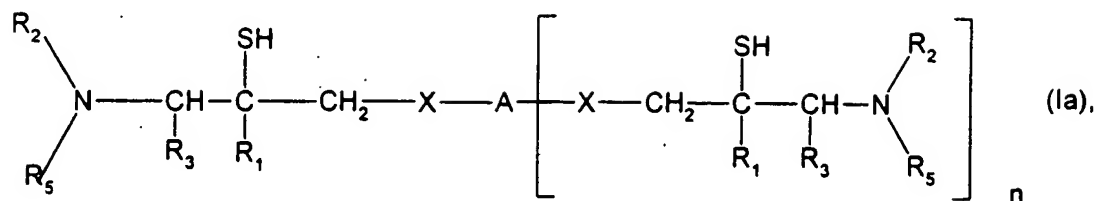


Abstract

Compounds of formula Ia or Ib



wherein A is an (n + 1)-valent aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, araliphatic or aromatic radical and n is an integer from 0 to 5,

E is an (m + 1)-valent aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, araliphatic or aromatic radical and m is an integer from 0 to 3,

X is -O-, -COO- or -CHR₄-, with R₄ and R₃ together forming an ethylene group,

R₁ and R₂ are, each independently of the other, hydrogen or methyl,

R₃ is hydrogen, or R₃ and R₄ together form an ethylene group,

and R₅ is a monovalent aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, araliphatic or aromatic radical,

are highly reactive curing agents for epoxy resins and yield cured products having improved resistance to chemicals.